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1. Vaclav Nosek, Communist Minister for the Interior, [redacted] asked whether he believed that the anti-State arrests in Slovakia would end proceedings against the Slovak Democrats: "The uprising affair seems to be finished, but there are other 'minor matters' to be settled." He refused to clarify this statement any further.

2. When asked whether he thought any action would be taken against Jan Lichner, Slovak Democratic Secretary of State for National Defense, Nosek replied: "I cannot say, as that is the concern of the Ministry for National Defense."

3. [redacted] there are several reasons why the Communists might decide to take action against Lichner. First of all, Lichner has repeatedly voiced his opinion of the Communist Party, the regime and the Ministry for National Defense. Second, Lichner's opponents claim that [redacted]

he has engaged in black market operations in foodstuffs between Slovakia and Bohemia-Moravia. Finally, during the past five months Lichner has striven to place a Slovak army officer in a high position, where he would have access to all secret documents; this officer is now under arrest for participating in Slovak anti-State activities. 50X1-HUM

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